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There follows a straight report of my talk with [redacted] concerning his recent visit to Communist China, during my luncheon with him today. [redacted] did nearly all the talking except for a few leading questions from me. We lunched alone.

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1. The enthusiasm and unity of the people of China, [redacted] said, greatly impressed him, having seen the same spirit only twice before: France, during her resistance, and the two years immediately following the cessation of fighting in Israel.

2. Internal development of China is the primary interest of the people there and external affairs are of no interest whatsoever to them. The Chinese people expect an acceptable standard of living will be reached after some 50 to 80 years of intensive development of their country. Their future is being busily mapped out in programs of work. A 15-year project for flood control of the Yellow River, to begin in 1967, according to plans, is an example.

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3. Population is growing, but slowly, and is quoted by officials in China as 600 million. The rate of growth, according to [redacted] is one or two million a year, although he could not quote the exact figure. Although not done officially because of China's tradition against it, great publicity to and wide distribution of birth control products is being practiced in order to hold down population growth.

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4. [redacted] visited Manchuria, Hankow, Tientsin, Canton and Peking. Manchuria, [redacted] showed some interest in the USSR, but otherwise he encountered none. There are technicians in Manchuria from Russia, helping to operate the machinery for factories which the Soviets sent there recently, and the people of Manchuria are grateful to the USSR for their liberation from Japanese occupation. [redacted] saw no evidence that any Soviets are presently in Peking.

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5. The Chinese show no desire for restriction of contacts with or information to foreigners, which is contrary to the situation in the USSR. An instance in proof of this occurred when a French Radical-Socialist accompanied the French delegation to Peking. [redacted]

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said the man, who is an AFP correspondent stationed in Hong Kong, spoke Chinese, and when [redacted] informed the Chinese officials that he would not need an official car nor an interpreter for the next day, but would wander around Peking with only the French correspondent as company, they made no objection whatever, but allowed the two to tour the city alone. The French delegation went on a guided tour also, according to [redacted] and were allowed to go into houses and places at random with the Chinese interpreters' objection. I questioned [redacted] as to the AFP correspondent's pro-Communist leanings and he said he had none.

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6. The Chinese talked constantly about Formosa, according to [REDACTED] but that was the only foreign relations question raised. Formosa is an internal matter as far as the Government authorities are concerned and they believe that except for US interference the question would have been settled a long time ago. The interest of the US in Formosa has, according to the Chinese officials, made Formosa an international matter, and they believe that our support of Chiang is keeping the matter from being settled. Completely new to me was a statement concerning China's decision not to use force against Formosa, and which [REDACTED] said had been made clear to him by Chou-en-lai and other Chinese officials. According to [REDACTED] these officials told him that, although they would not and could not make such a statement for public consumption, they would refrain from using force against Formosa, in practice, and that they were certain Formosa would accept them peacefully soon; that they expected Formosa to come over to their side in a similar manner to that of Peking whose General gave the city to the Communists and has held a cabinet position in their government ever since. Any Chinese officials on Formosa who may help them in gaining control they are ready to treat very generously, apparently.

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7. [REDACTED] said there is very little anti-American propaganda or feeling evident in Peking except for that regarding Taiwan. The Mayor of Peking speaks in an unfriendly manner concerning America; but [REDACTED] believes, however, that the Chinese Communists are prepared to be friendly with us if the Formosa question can be settled. A major distinction between the Soviet and Chinese types of communism, [REDACTED] feels, is that China is solely interested in the development of its own country and does not desire to extend communism to other nations. The establishment of good relations with the west is of great interest to the Communists in China in general, according to [REDACTED]

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8. The feeling of the Chinese toward the Japanese is not at all clear, according to [REDACTED] however, he said the Chinese are interested in trading with Japan for agricultural equipment and fertilizer, although there was little conversation about trade with Japan. The Chinese continuously spoke of the occupation by the Japanese and appeared very antagonistic to them, although on the surface appeared to wish for better relations with Japan.

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9. One day was spent in Moscow on the return trip. [REDACTED] said that his feeling is that the visit of the Soviets to India is as much against Communist China if not more so than against the West. Otherwise he had no comments to offer concerning his visit to Moscow.

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10. Another day was spent in Prague by the French party, because of a missed connection. [REDACTED] paralleled the Prague citizens, with their beaten, downtrodden look, with those of Vienna after Anschluss, and said he had never witnessed a more depressing sight. A furtive,

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but unmistakable feeling of friendship for the French was evident in the customs and immigration officials at the Prague airport, [REDACTED] said.

11. In regard to our relations with the Chinese Communists, [REDACTED] stated that he felt if we could develop good relations with them, it would help greatly to force the Soviets to relax their control in satellite nations; that if the West could have good and friendly relations with a major Communist nation, in addition to Yugoslavia, it would indicate that the attitude in Moscow was the reason for difficulties with the Soviet bloc. In this way, [REDACTED] thought, unrest could be caused in Poland and Czechoslovakia and the Soviets would be forced to relax their control over these countries.

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